FLOATING POOLROOM MISSING.

GENTS WHO BOUGHT 500 81 TICK-ETSTOLDTOCOME BACKTO-BAY.

"Suckers! Deep Sea Suckers! Fresh From the Fishing Banks!" Yell the Newsboys-Several Plain Clothes Men Spotting Faces in the Crowd at the Battery.

No floating poolroom showed up at the Battery yesterday noon for a trip outside jurisdiction. Five hundred men who had bought tickets for the trip at \$1 each expressed disappointment.

The young man with the abbreviated light box coat, checkered trousers, enamelled shoes, sparkling shirt stud and low crowned derby hat was there rubbing elbows with the rum nosed veteran of twenty seasons, whose coat was frayed and whose trousers were baggy at the knees. Many were poolroom touts and not a few were former proprietors of racetrack banks in this town who had gone down and out in the reform

Most of the excursionists appeared to have plenty of ready money. They had been piling it up for the opening of the Eastern season. As one of them put it, "You wouldn't think from the general appearance of the bunch that they had enough in their jeans to pay their fare, but if it came to-a showdown they'd make Wall Street look sick." It was the opening day at Bennings; the weather was fine; there was a promise that they would be able to plunge o the limit unmolested by the law.

This was along about 11 o'clock. At that time men who said they represented "Winter & Dow," the firm, unknown to the directory, who are described as managers of the excursion, were walking about among the gamblers assuring them that the steamboat Mount Desert, which had been chartered for the trip, would be at the pier at 12 o'clock sharp and that everything would be very much "to the merry." A representative from a wireless telegraph company also was on hand with assurances of the perfection of the service.

In and out among the gamblers stalked Sergt. Londregan of the Church street station, a six footer in uniform.

Three or four plain clothes men from the Central Office in Mulberry street also were at the pier looking the crowd over. They saw several familiar faces. They had bought tickets for the excursion and were going along.

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When 12 o'clock came and there was no sign of the Mount Desert the crowd began to grumble. They wanted to know, as a good many others have wanted to know, who was really running the "picnic" and where the managers could be found. They might be all right, but "Winter & Dow" had a rather indefinite sound about it. They wanted somebody to "show them." And, anyway, where was the man who had collected the dollars?

"Things have come to a pretty pass," said one grumbler, "when a respectable racetrack player has got to sit on a Battery bench looking at the sad sea waves and gamble in his mind as to whether he is going to be able to get a bet down or not."

For that matter, though, there was an opportunity to turn a few honest dollars even at the Battery Park, for when things began to look hopeless after 12 o'clock odds of 2 to 1 were offered that the Mount Desert wouldn't show up. Some who couldn't hold off any longer snapped up these offers. The odds had gone as high as 3 to 1, when a rosy cheeked young man, who refused to tell his name, mounted a fence rail and announced that the trip was "all off" for the day.

"Gents." said he, "we regret the circumstance exceedingly. It pains us. But the tickets will be good to-morrow. The Mount Desert will leave at this pier at 12 o'clock. That is certain, and, depend on it. gents, everything will be rosy."

He supplemented his statement later by saying that there had been a misunderstanding. The owner of the vessel, he said, discovered late yesterday afternoon that he would have to get a deep sea permit. This had been granted by the local board of steamboat inspectors, but when the owner got around to telephone the captain of the boat, which was tied up at Port Richmond. Staten Island, it was too late. The owner thought the Mount Desert had sufficient coal in her bunkers for the trip, but as it turned out she had. ate. The owner thought the Mount Desert had sufficient coal in her bunkers

Desert had sufficient coal in her bunkers for the trip, but as it turned out she had only enough to get as far as Communipaw for a fresh load, and that was what had put the "picnic" on the bum for the day. "We're left between Jerome and the deep sea." commented one of the gamblers. As the players left Battery Park the newsboys, who had been "wise" all along, but wouldn't say a word as long as there was a chance that they might be taken on the trip, began to cheer up. "Suckers, deep sea suckers, fresh from the fishing banks," they yelled.
The boat is said to have a permit for 400 passengers. The license is to go to the fishing banks.

Her owner says that the ship was not

Her owner says that the ship was not chartered to be used with his knowledge as a floating poolroom, and that under the circumstances he doubts if he will allow circumstances he doubts if he will allow her to take out any passengers. He is having the question looked up from a legal standpoint, he says, and if he has the power to keep them off no producers were contact. to keep them off no poolroom men or their clients will get aboard.

SCANDALIZED PILOTS.

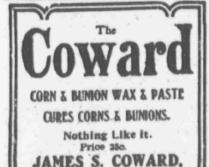
The New York Sandy Hook Pilots' Association, which has rooms at 17 State street, is for the most part composed of sturdy, devout men, who neither look upon the horses when they run nor study the dope sheets. So it was somewhat of a shock to the association when a voice asked over the telephone yesterday morning what odds was going to be given on the Bennings horses. The member who answered the phone told the voice there must be some mistake; the association never gave odds on anything or bet at all. The voice wanted to know if this wasn't Beebe's office Beebe, the man whose boat was going out on the deep sea as a floating poolroom. The man who answered the telephone told the owner of the voice rather curtly that Mr. Beebe belonged to the association, but that the association's rooms wasn't his place of business. He informed the voice further that so far as he knew Mr. Beebe had nothing to do with the business end of the proposed excursion.

Later in the day another man called up and another voice announced that he had just sent down \$20 with a messenger. \$10 to be played on Buttons each way. He also was disillusionized and the \$20 never got to the association's rooms. By this time the members of the association were ime the members of the association were

SUICIDE OVER OSLER.

Druggist Who Was 50 Worried About His Uselessness to the World.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 23.-Charles C. Trout, a druggist, shot and instantly killed himself to-day in the stable of Dr. W. H. Robinson, his brother-in-law. He was from temporary aberration of the mind by worrying over Dr. Osler's theory of the uselessness of men at this age.



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get more money from the people," he observed in closing.

Other representatives were in favor of the hospitals combining to make a demand on the city for a greater allowance for patients, the amount now paid, 63 cents for a medical patient and 80 cents for a surgical case per day, being, it was declared, ridiculously low as compared with the per capital

case per day, being, it was declared, indicu-lously low as compared with the per capita-cost of the different hospitals.

It was resolved that Mr. Cutting should name a committee of twelve to study ex-isting hospital conditions, consider the sug-gestions made and report a practical scheme of improvement at another meeting.

CHARLES CONSELYEA HELD.

His Elder Brether Whom He Shot Is Re-

covering-May Not Prosecute.

Charles Conselyea, the real estate dealer

of 333 Graham avenue, Williamsburg, who

on Wednesday night in a quarrel with his elder brother John shot him in the

right breast and also in the head, was ar-

raigned yesterday in the Manhattan avenue

police court before Magistrate Tighe on the charge of felonious assault and was

committed without bail for a hearing on

Monday. Conselvea, who was represented by a lawyer, acted as if he was mentally

arine's Hospital was regarded as very much improved. All the bullets were extracted and the doctors were of the

CHOKED HIS TEACHER.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Resented an Order

-Kept Out of Sight Two Days-Fined.

George Orange, 13 years old, of 346 East

Ninth street, was in the Children's Court

vesterday, charged with choking his

teacher, Miss Mary C. Buckley, who lives

at 146 Lexington avenue and teaches in

Public School 19 on Fourteenth street near

Officer O'Connor of the Gerry society caught him on Wednesday. He was fined

Court Calendars This Day.

On Monday, Miss Buckley said she aroused

pinion last evening that he

HOSPITALS IN HARD STRAITS.

CONFERENCE TO SEE HOW THEY CAN GET MORE MONEY.

F. Cutting Says the Interests of the Poor Are Menaced-Waste Less and You'll Get More Money, Is Dr. Brannan's Advice-Committee Named.

That the private hospitals of New York are confronted by very serious financial difficulties, which must be remedied if the health of the community is to be preserved was the consensus of opinion at a conference of hospital representatives, held yesterday in the United Charities building. The conference, which was called by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, was attended by representatives of every large hospital in the city and of many of the smaller institutions All admitted the gravity of the situation as shown by constantly increasing deficits in some of the hospital reports.

The hospital situation which led to the calling of yesterday's conference was first brought to notice a year ago by Frank Tucker in an article in Charities. Since then, it was said yesterday, the problem has grown worse instead of better. R. Fulton Cutting, chairman, said in opening the meeting that it had become so death of Charles Conselyea's wife a year bas grown worse instead of better. R. serious that the interests of the poor were gravely menaced.

The poor were ago he has not been the same and often quarrelled with his brother in their joint real estate business over trivial matters.

"One after another the hospitals are reporting enormous indebtedness," said Mr. Cutting. "Why is it? This city is the most generous in the world and its hospitals are the equal of any. What is the reason that the hospitals, which should appeal to the people more than all other charities,

are supported insufficiently?" Mr. Cutting said he believed it was because the matter had not been brought properly before the public. He suggested a uniform system of accounting so that the hospitals could compare notes of expenses and the formation of a committee to gather information and bring the public to a sense of the situation.

Mr. Tucker, who has been investigating the condition of the hospitals, said that of ten suggestions made by representatives of the hospitals whose views had been asked that of educating the public to give more was the only one really fundamental. He advocatd the creation of an independent body of men or women. chosen for their knowledge of social conditions, who should gather the facts about existing conditions; secure the adoption of a uniform system of hospital reports and educate the public on its responsibility for hospital maintenance according to the best standards of medical and surgical

He suggested that the cost per capita,

science.

He suggested that the cost per capita, which each hospital now has a different way of computing, should be figured out by an independent body and given to the public. The public, he said, had an idea that \$5,000 was enough to endow a bed, where as \$20,000 was really needed to-day.

Oakleigh Thorne, treasurer of the Presbyterian Hospital, suggested monthly reports from each hospital Isaac Wallach of Mount Sinal Hospital suggested that each hospital have a roll of members, such as Mount Sinai has, each of whom is pledged to give annually from \$10 up, and who should have the right to vote for officers and thus have an interest in the hospital. This plan, he said, yielded an annual income of \$120,000 to Mount Sinai. Another suggestion made by Mr. Wallach, which seemed to meet with great approval, was that the city should subsidize the hospitals in proportion to the amount each hospital contributed to the support of the sick.

"I believe" said he, "that the city Is not helping the hospitals as it should by the per capita per diem system as at present.

Dr. John W. Brannan, president of the trustees of, Bellevue and allied hospitals, said less money would be needed if the waste in hospitals was stopped. This was the fault of the American system. In the German hospitals, where physicians and nurses were paid, attention was given to details of administration and economy by every one in a hospital." Said Dr. Brannan, "our house staffs no sooner become experienced than they leave. The nurses aren't paid anything, either, and are shifted about. This is all right from the standpoint of the nurses, but not for the public."

about. This is all right from the stand-point of the nurses, but not for the public. The hospital is the only American institution which has not come under the modern methods of bookkeeping for finding out where every cent goes.

Dr. Brannan pointed out that the plentiful supplies of bandages and dressings encouraged in hospitals waste unknown in private practice. "Less waste and you'll

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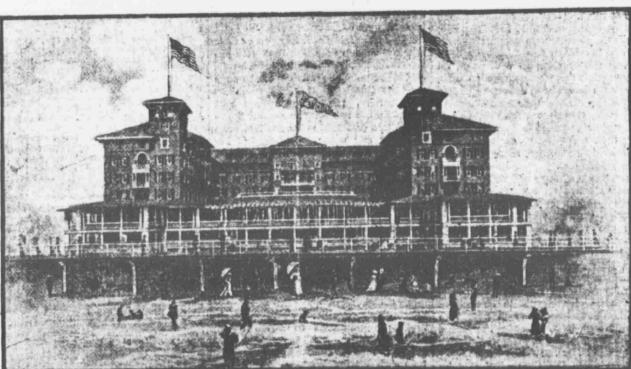
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